

Dear Sirs and Madams,

As one of the founding members of the CT Chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association's Organic Land Care Program and an author of the NOFA Standards for Organic Land Care, the first of its kind in the country, I urge you to ban cosmetic pesticide use on municipal grounds as soon as possible. I have more than forty five years of experience in landscaping and tree care with my former company, Plantscapes, Inc., an organic land care business based in Fairfield, CT. I am also a CT licensed Pesticide Applicator and Certified Arborist and used to apply horticultural chemicals for years, so I truly know both sides of the story. *Today, there really is no need for pesticides to obtain and maintain an attractive landscape.* Years of experience with new techniques and materials have proven that organic lawn care works well and provides a much safer environment at the same time.

I am happy to provide any additional information or to help in any way. You may contact me by email at mnadeau@plantscapesorganics.com or by phone at 203-395-8787.

Respectfully,

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